

October 29, 2023

Welcome to worship
this morning!

Bulletin Cues:

Bold indicates congregational response, * indicates please stand, if able.

Bathrooms are located down the hall, past the kitchen, around the corner to the left. A family bathroom with a changing table is located across from the kitchen on the right hand side of the hallway (next to the Kidz Klub).

JESUS REPLIED: "LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND." THIS IS THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT. AND THE SECOND IS LIKE IT: LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF."
MATTHEW 22:37-39

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE


*CALL TO WORSHIP

Happy are those who do not take the path that sinners tread.

Our delight is in the law of the Lord.

May we be like trees planted by streams of God's living water.

May our lives bear good fruit, loving God and loving neighbor.




1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul-wark nev - er
2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -




fail - ing. Our help - er he, a - mid the flood of
los - ing, were not the right man on our side, the
bid - eth. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours through



mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe doth
man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ
him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this



seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and
Je - sus, it is he. Lord Sab - a - oth his name, from
mor - tal life al - so. The bod - y they may kill; God's



armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
truth a - bid - eth still. His king - dom is for - ev - er.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Sin betrays us and our God. Repentance redeems and restores. Let us confess our sins together.

**Eternal God, your law commands us to love our neighbor as ourselves. Too often we prioritize our own interests above the health and welfare of others. We betray you and our best selves by living without regard for the ways our actions harm our neighbors in need and the planet entrusted to our care. Open our hearts to love. Open our minds to honestly acknowledge our role in wrongdoing. Forgive us and return us to your way of righteousness.
Amen.**

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. **Amen.**

STEWARDSHIP MINUTE

Peggy McCarty

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Bless us, O God, with ears to hear your truth, vision to discern your path, and feet ready to move into action. Open our minds and our hearts to the reading of your Word, and the honest proclamation of your truth. Ready us to respond to the Spirit's call. **Amen.**

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

**Before the mountains were brought forth
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

You turn us back to dust and say, "Turn back, you mortals."

**For a thousand years in your sight
are like yesterday when it is past or like a watch in the night.**

You sweep them away; they are like a dream,
like grass that is renewed in the morning;

**in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;
in the evening it fades and withers.**

Turn, O Lord! How long?

Have compassion on your servants!

**Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.**

Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us
and as many years as we have seen evil.

**Let your work be manifest to your servants
and your glorious power to their children.**

Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us
and prosper for us the work of our hands—

O prosper the work of our hands!

EPISTLE READING

I Thessalonians 2:1-8

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but, just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals but to please God, who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed, nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

SPECIAL MUSIC

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 22:34-46

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, an expert in the law, asked him a question to test him. “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” He said to him, “ ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: “What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” He said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

‘The Lord said to my Lord,
“Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet” ’?

“If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Keep these words in your heart. The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Celebrating the Good and Pure and the Beautiful

Rev. Frank Jones

RESPONDING TO GOD’S GRACE

*HYMN OF THE DAY GTG 62 Love the Lord Your God

sing twice



Love the Lord your God with all your heart.



Love the Lord your God with all your soul.



Love the Lord your God with all your mind.



Love the Lord your God with all that you are.

JOYS AND CONCERNS/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God, our Savior,

hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

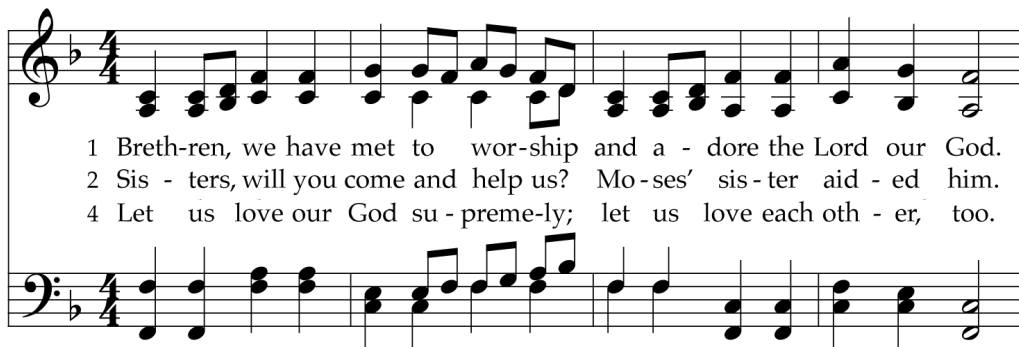
Holy One, our only Home, blessed be your name,
may your day dawn, your will be done, here, as in heaven.
Feed us today, and forgive us, as we forgive each other.
Do not forsake us, but deliver us from evil.
For the glory, the power, and the mercy are yours now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

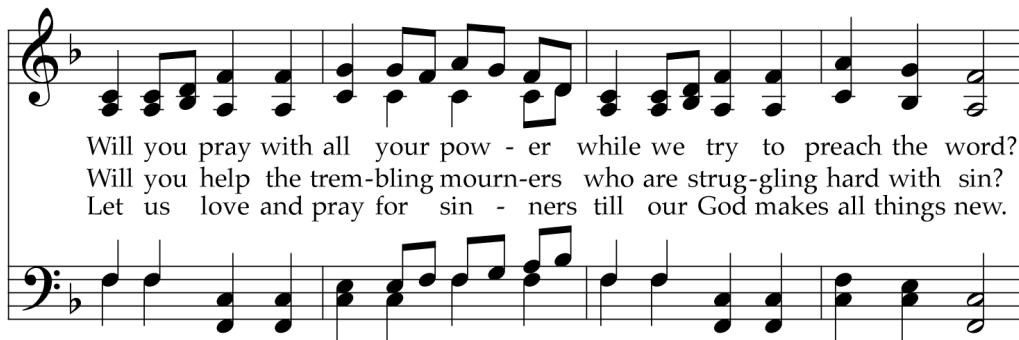
*CLOSING HYMN GTG 396

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

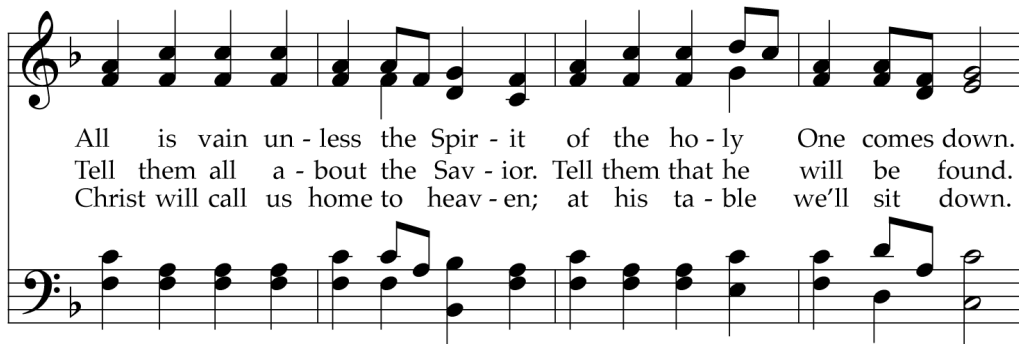
vs. 1,2,4



1 Breth-ren, we have met to wor-ship and a - dore the Lord our God.
2 Sis - ters, will you come and help us? Mo-ses' sis-ter aid - ed him.
4 Let us love our God su - preme-ly; let us love each oth - er, too.



Will you pray with all your pow - er while we try to preach the word?
Will you help the trem-bling mourn-ers who are strug-gling hard with sin?
Let us love and pray for sin - ners till our God makes all things new.



All is vain un - less the Spir - it of the ho - ly One comes down.
Tell them all a - bout the Sav - ior. Tell them that he will be found.
Christ will call us home to heav - en; at his ta - ble we'll sit down.

Breth - ren, pray, and ho - ly man - na will be show - ered all a - round.
 Sis - ters, pray, and ho - ly man - na will be show - ered all a - round.
 Christ will gird him - self and serve us with sweet man - na all a - round.

BLESSING AND CHARGE

We do not leave this sanctuary and leave God behind.

God's law is clear.

We are to love our neighbor as we love ourselves.

May this commandment be ever before us; guiding us, inspiring us, enabling us to be Christ's body – his hands, his feet, his heart – in this, God's world.

May the grace, hope, peace, and love of God our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer be with us all, now and forever. Amen.

POSTLUDE

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Next Sunday is All Saints Sunday. We remember those dear to us who guided us in faith and preceded us in death, as well as any other who have passed from this life. The entire service, including communion, will reflect our deep gratitude for God's promise of the resurrection and the eternal life that is ours in Christ.



Worshipers are invited to share the names of loved ones who have died with the office by Tuesday, October 31, at noon, to be printed in the bulletin. Also, all who wish to do so may bring a memorial candle to be placed on a central table and lit from the Christ candle prior to the service. During Joys and Concerns, we will have a chance to share the names of those specially remembered in this way.

Community Presbyterian Church

open hearted, open minded

Sunday, October 29 Reformation

9:30 am Worship - Onsite and Online

2:30 pm Building Usage: Labranza de Dios

Tuesday, October 31

9:30 am PW Bible Study

12:00 pm Bulletin Information Due

7:00 pm Building Use: Mission Aid Network

Wednesday, November 1

6:30 am Prayer Group at CPC

Thursday, November 2

5:30 pm Building Usage: Labranza de Dios

Saturday, November 4

1:00 Building Usage: Prayer Rising

Sunday, November 5 All Saints Sunday

9:30 am Worship with Communion
- Onsite and Online

10:30 am Donut Sunday

2:30 pm Building Usage: Labranza de Dios



Judy Leal

Jane and Ed Burgstaler family,
especially daughter Jenny

Connie Holst

Vera Atkinson's daughter, Teresa

Shannon Cisewski

Ron Murray

Dick and Nancy Massaro

Nellie Brovold's mother, Jacqueline

Glenna Muir's sister, Annie

*To be added to the prayer list,
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November 4th Prayer-Rising for Oak Flat

**Community Presbyterian Church
3705 Fairway Place NW, Rochester
1-4 pm - Individual and communal prayer and learning**



A Resolution Copper mine threatens to destroy Oak Flat. From the beginning of time, Apache Stronghold has grounded their resistance in the strength of their religious practice and spiritual relationship with the land.

Apache Stronghold asks people of all faiths to join them in this spiritual struggle on November 4th, amplifying intercessions into a prayer-rising for the preservation of Oak Flat. Indigenous peoples will gather at Oak Flat to pray according to their ways. People of other faiths will also gather to encounter the Holy and to confront, through prayer, the forces of destruction brought by Resolution Copper.

Join the local gathering at Community Presbyterian Church to:

- Engage in personal and communal prayer in support of Apache Stronghold
- Get to know more about Oak Flat through videos, discussion, and print resources
- Explore the history of our own land and the Dakota people who stewarded it
- Learn about the Doctrine of Discovery and its continuing effects today
- Hear from Dr. Valerie Guimaraes, Native American Patient Ambassador, Mayo Clinic

All are welcome to participate at any time during the three-hour event.

Contact Jan Wiersma (janwiersma@msn.com) for more details, or visit www.apachestronghold.com or www.dismantlediscovery.org/novfour.